

Benefits of a Smelter.

A smelter at Cerrillos, would mean the working of hundreds of claims that are now idle because the owners are too poor to develop them without an income from the ore taken out. These claims are scattered all over the several mining districts of southern Santa Fe county. They have ore, but it is not rich enough and possibly not in body enough to pay to ship to smelters at a distance. But from most of these prospects a few tons could be taken out which treated at home would give the owner a few dollars with which to take out more ore, and thus the development of claims would go steadily on and the aggregate amount from many claims would go far toward making up the supply necessary to run a smelter. In this way progressive work would be always going on and would be sure to result in the striking of some good ore bodies and the opening up of some rich mines. We mention these as the great probable results among the benefits. Of the direct beneficial effect there would be the investment of capital, the employment of men and the added consumption of fuel and other natural products of our section. There is no question as to the benefits. Now, the field is open for this kind of a venture, and the time has come when, properly handled, its success would be sure. In the course of 30 to 60 days many tons of ore per day promise to be added to the ores and concentrates now being shipped to swell the profits of smelting plants away from home, and which have become rich on a much greater expense than would cover the treatment of ores at Cerrillos, where fuel and fluxing are at the door. By all means let everything be done that can, to encourage the founding of such an enterprise.

We all have heard of the Yuma soldier, who, accidentally visited the lower regions, and found it so cold that he had to return for more clothes, but the Needles can do better, it would seem:

A number of years ago a poor consumptive gentleman arrived in the Needles, and finding the atmosphere of that place rare and invigorating, concluded he would make it his home. After residing in the town beside the roaring Colorado for several years he faded away and passed over the silent river. By his request his body was taken to Chicago for cremation. A number of friends accompanied the remains to administer the last sad rites. On their arrival in the windy city they sought out one of the many reduction works and had a retort fired up to the proper temperature, and the body was inserted therein. The furnace fire raged and seethed beneath the retort for a number of hours and the gentlemen in charge concluded they would take a peep to see if the body was properly reduced, and a door in the retort being opened, they were horrified to see the gaunt and ghastly form of the old man sitting bolt upright and gazing out upon them with a cold, icy stare. The frozen lips moved and in frigid tones exclaimed: "Gentlemen I wish you would please shut that door; I always did hate a draught."—Tuscon Citizen.

The sensational press correspondents have been fooled again. Here they have been trying for months to kill off Mr Blaine, Charles H. Spurgeon, the Shah of Persia, and a few other notables, including the young Kaiser, but they stubbornly refuse to make a die of it. Even old Dom Pedro himself is clinging to life as tenaciously as the commonest sort of mortal.—New Mexican.

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